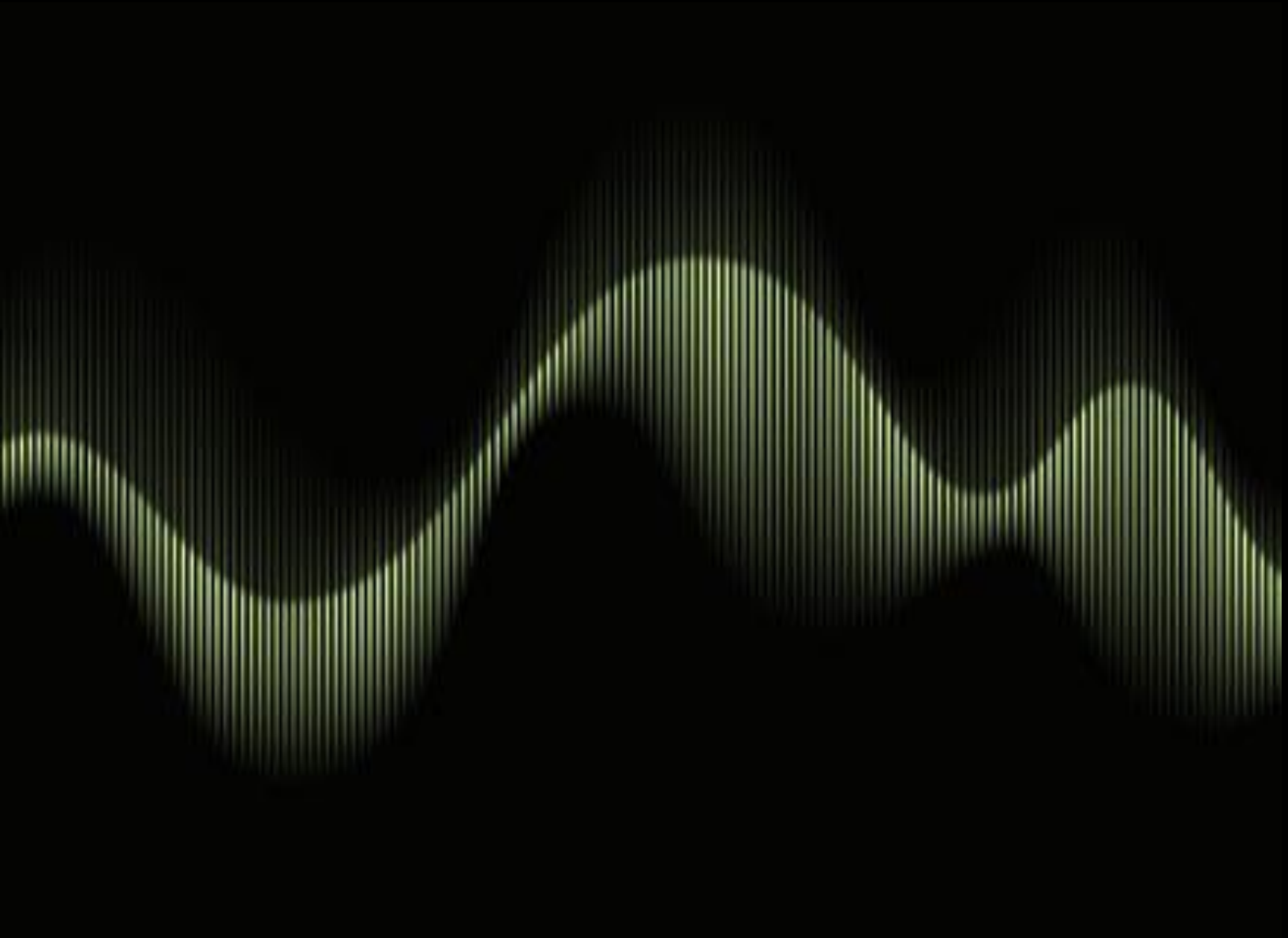


April 9

Romans 8:18

**“It Will All Be Worth
It In The End”**



For I reckon that the sufferings
of this present time are not
worthy to be compared with
the glory which shall
be revealed **in us**.

Are you looking for
immediate gratification?

Do you believe God exists
just because you want to
feel there is *someone*,
somewhere out there, to
make your life even a
little bit better?

Despite what you may repeatedly hear from many, maybe even from most pulpits today, that simply is not the biblical godly life. Instead, there is often much suffering in this existence, especially for true Believers— those who genuinely seek to follow the teachings of Christ more than any religious organization.

But that's not the end of
the story. Having been
through so much suffering
yet also having experienced
so much glory,
including seeing a shining
light and hearing the voice
of the Lord Jesus,
Paul believed the sorrows
here on earth were next-to-
nothing when compared to
the glory that will be made
known "in us".

Basically, we are told
that, as for the hardships
we must endure now, they
will all be worth it in the
end.

The compensation—the
reward, the glory, for all
the grief will be revealed
IN US.

We are not told exactly in
what way this greater

payback situation may take place, but the writer of this passage said he “reckons” (surmises, imagines, considers) it to be so.

This is hope that, whatever sadness or agony we must encounter in physical life, it will someday be seen within us as a really good thing.